

THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

HOPKINSON,

Class of the Case For the Prosecution.

An Alleged Father Found for the Bothersome Baby.

LINCOLN, Ill., Sept. 27.—The Hoffman case seems to be as far from an end as it was a week ago. The status of Hawes and Kunkle, prosecuting attorneys, that they could possibly complete their case has not proven true, by any means. Z. T. Myers, one of the hotel clerks, testified that the Bradshaw, a mysterious personage in the pending investigation, had examined the Waukegan record some time after the accusing witness had recurred at the home, and it is alleged by the prosecution that the record was furnished by Bradshaw in the interest of Hoffman. This accounts for the time spent in investigating said matter. W. N. McKey, possible leader of the Bloomingdale district, and under whom the former trial was conducted, occupied the stand this afternoon. He testified that when the reports affecting the good name of Mr. Hoffman first came out, great uneasiness was felt in the church. He was advised to resign his charge, but claimed that such a course would be imprudent under existing circumstances; that Becker had occupied his pulpit through his trouble, and he saw no reason why he should not. He was subsequently released at his own request by the presiding elder. The deposition of Lida Roberts, sister to Mattie Ballou, was presented by the prosecution, but was earnestly objected to by the defense. After great deal of wrangling it was permitted to go before the committee. It affirmed that the deceased Ballou girl had informed her sister, the deponent, on two or three occasions that herself and H. D. Hoffman had, at the request of the latter, divested themselves of every article of clothing and enjoyed an other's company, and in boy's style for hours, and also that Mattie had never recanted her Quincy accusation. The deponent averred that the reason for not making known these disgusting details before was because her modesty would not permit her to do so before a body of men. Zeta and the other Waukegan inhabitants, a doctor for presentation as evidence of Hoffman's familiarity with the mother. The child bears but little resemblance to the man whom the mother claims is its parent.

At this point the prosecution rested their case, and the defense proceeded to offer evidence. N. M. Winslow, a trustee of the Bloomingdale Methodist Episcopal church, testified to going to see the Robinson woman at Holden, in company with lawyer Difesa. The elder Robinson woman pointed to the child in the cradle as the fruit of Hoffman's wickedness. She said that she had brought the young girl to the man whom she had most dear, and that the burden. She had told no one of the matter and endeavored to keep it out of the newspapers, but in vain. The girl Zetta had had evident consistencies in an account of the same, and had also mentioned the parentage. When Hoffman was informed of this he said it was blackmail, and there was no truth in either of the women's statements. Hoffman never tried to cover up any matter, but was always in favor of a full and open investigation.

On the 12th of August, a newspaper agent, of Boston, in whose family Zeta had lived for three months previous to her trouble, said she claimed to be a detective and was shot in the arm while discharging such service. He testified that her reputation in any regard Boston had, and sought to have the court regarding her conduct as presented as an objection, which the chairman sustained. Another witness for the prosecution was introduced at this stage by agreement of counsel. His name was David Jackson, and his evidence was substantially that of the other evidence adduced in the case.

Last night, continuing with the examination, it was all along by the defense was reached. The prosecution closed their case about 8 p.m., when Hoffman's counsel placed witnesses on the stand who created consternation in the ranks of the prosecution. R. B. Fryer, ex-city marshal of Waukegan, was engaged in the detective business, testified that he had been engaged by the detective bushes, testifying that he was in Bloomingdale on the 12th of February 1881, and was acquainted with Teddy Pranks, deceased, tailor for Sheriff Abel, of McLean county. He met him on the day named at the jail, and met Mrs. Hoffman leaving the prison, holding a child in her arms. He afterward admitted that he was the father of the child, and not H. D. Hoffman, as had been reported. He received money from Pranks to give to the girl while she was in Springfield. The prosecution, however, contended that he was not the real master of having it cut off. Mrs. Alice Williams, of Springfield, was called, and said she knew Mrs. Celeste and nursed her during her confinement. She wrote a letter for Mrs. Celeste, who wanted it sent to Pranks, but afterward changed her mind. This letter contained a sum of money. It had been paid out. I am as well as could be expected under the circumstances. How is our long-hailed pioneer (meaning Hoffman) getting along?"

Mrs. Celeste left Springfield on Feb. 8 and came back on Feb. 10, her reputation for truth and veracity unimpaired.

The prosecution again indulged in a storm objection on the ground that the defense had not laid the proper foundation for impeaching the accusing witness. The court reserved a decision until the next session, when, which has been taken in the case, no little interest among all classes. When the evidence was being offered, Mr. Hawes and Dr. Webster, the chairman, were much disturbed, especially the latter, who was uneasy over certain insinuations and attempts to instruct him in the way to proceed. The defense, the ecclesiastical court, was pleased to the riding of a police court pending the passage between the counsel for the prosecution and the chairman. The defense announced last night that they would consider their case on the 1st of October, and will not adjourn until the select committee submit their report, which will not be before Thursday morning.

HEAVY FAILURE.

A Knas Hardware Firm Suspends, with Liabilities of \$250,000.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 27.—The Western Hardware company establishment closed yesterday. W. W. Hetherington has been appointed receiver. Liabilities are estimated at \$250,000. The assets consist of a large stock of hardware on hand, but the value cannot be told at present. The principal creditors are hardware manufacturers and dealers in Pittsburgh. Some creditors appear to have been satisfied with the amount of money they were paying the hardware company's checkbook to the hour of closing yesterday. But little excitement prevails here, the general expression being that it will effect an arrangement and resume.

PREDICTED DESTITUTION.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 27.—Dr. E. Stone Wiggin, of the finance department, who some time ago predicted that the recent gale would sweep from east to west over the continent, says a great storm will strike this planet in March next. He gives this timely warning;

It will first be felt on the northern Pacific, and will cross the meridian of Ottawa at noon 6 o'clock p.m., London time, on Sunday, March 11, 1883. No vessel smaller than a Cimarron will be able to live in the tempest, India, the south of

Europe, England and especially the North American continent will be the theater of its ravages. The ships on the Atlantic will be slaughtered. I advise shipholders to place their prospective vessels in safe stocks, and farmers having loose valuables, such as hay, cattle, etc., to remove them to a place of safety. I fear, further, most respectfully, that the entire marine world will be storm-tossed on all the Canadian coast, not later than the 20th of February, and thus permit no vessel to leave the harbor. If this is not done hundreds of lives will be lost and millions worth of property destroyed.

MODJESKA.

An Account of Her Last Three Years in Europe.

Mrs. Langtry's Success—American Theaters.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—"It is nearly three years since I left America," said Madame Modjeska, "and I am glad to have come back again. I first came to this country to find a home, and as soon as I began to learn your language and the ways of your people, I began to feel that America was as much my country as Poland."

"How strange it all has been! When we first came, I never even dreamed that I should go on the stage again; least of all that I should ever play in the English language. We went out to California to settle down, and live purely pastoral lives. But after we had been there for a while, and I had learned a little English, my old passion for the stage came back to me, and when I was offered an opportunity to appear in San Francisco I was very easily tempted from my retirement, and so became as much an American as a Polish actress."

"That was in '81. Since then I succeeded very much better than I anticipated that season, and played in various cities until 1883, when we went back to Europe. In the winter of 1883-'84 I played in Poland, all of my old friends welcoming me back most kindly. In May, 1884, I went to London, where I played until July, 1885, with only one intermission of four or five weeks. I was well received by the English public, but the stage was still a new and exciting thing to me. You'd hardly believe it, but I carried a rifle at the time, and had a pistol at my belt. I'd often wear white waistcoats and vest, and you can hear the infants wail above those piping voices. The usher with a pair of tongs held it before me. 'Hush! the horses appear!'

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